

REMARKS:

In the foregoing amendments, the limitations of claim 6 were inserted into claims 5 and 10. Claim 6 was canceled accordingly. Claims 5 and 10 were also amended to define that the scheduling means determines whether respective vehicles of the plurality of vehicles have sufficient fuel for travel to respective maintenance locations based on the information described therein. Claim 9 was amended to correct typographical and idiomatic errors. For example, claim 9 now defines that the production storage means stores production information representative of a relationship between operating information with respect to operation of said at least one of the plurality of vehicles and production. This aspect of applicant's invention is described at the top of page 13 of the present specification disclosure. After the foregoing amendments, claims 5 and 7-16 are in the application for consideration by the examiner.

In a telephone interview with Examiner Gary Chin on October 12, 2005, the foregoing amendments to applicant's claims were discussed and it was indicated that these amendments should place claims 5 and 7-16 in condition for allowance, subject to the examiner's review.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 5 and 7-16 are in proper form and distinguishable from the teaching cited thereagainst in the Official

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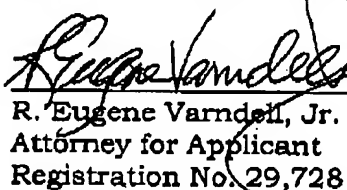
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action mailed May 18, 2005, for the reasons set forth in the response filed on August 12, 2005, which reasons are incorporated herein by reference.

While it is believed that all the pending claims in this application are in condition for allowance and that the foregoing, together with the response filed on August 12, 2005, is a complete response to the Official action mailed May 18, 2005, should the examiner have any comments or questions, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be telephoned at the below listed number to resolve any outstanding issues.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our deposit account No. 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,
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